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The news
BAIT, OR LACK OF IT, des patches
AT NEWFOUNDLAND. of yesterday
from London

don give out an interview with Sir Robert Bond in which the Premier of Newfoundland is quoted as saying that the foreign fishing vessels act would continue to be enforced against American vessels. Without making any statement of what everybody here and at Newfoundland knows, we would like to take up one of the statements in the despatch above referred to, which is to the effect that the act would be enforced against American vessels until a fair measure of reciprocity was vouchsafed the Newfoundlanders by the United States.

Now in regard to this reciprocity, the Newfoundlanders all admit that what they want, only, is the free admission of their salt fish into the United States. They further claim, personally and through their press, that the privilege of allowing the United States fishing vessels to take bait at ports on their coast, not included in the Treaty coast, (for at these we have the right so to do) is an equivalent for allowing them the right to bring their fish to this country free of duty.

Let's see how much this much-talked-of bait rights amounts to. First, whether or not it is a standard fact or fleeting illusion. Let's take facts that are facts and see that if, instead of the United States wanting something for nothing, it is not rather the island of Newfoundland which wants the chance to get a millionaire business in exchange for a gold brick, this same gold brick being the much-talked-of bait privilege at her ports.

Last year the bait situation at Newfoundland is well known and it is only necessary to state that some of our bankers had to lay in these same bait ports from four to six weeks without putting a hook in the water, waiting for bait, to show the unsubstantial nature of the article which Newfoundland offers as a recompense for free entry of her salt fish to our ports. Beautiful dream, isn't it? Well calculated to fool those who do not understand the situation.

Now let us take something besides which everybody at home here knows to be correct. Let us take something on this year's situation, right direct from a Newfoundlander, from the Newfoundland correspondence column in a United States paper, and this article says that the latest news from Placentia Bay is to the effect that the fishery there is the worst for 50 years and that families are reported on the verge of hunger in some sections. The same article goes on to state to the effect that, "nor has there been any bait from Trepassey to Rushoon, so that the outlook for the rest of the season is equally hopeless," meaning clearly, of course, that the bad season is due to the lack of bait in this bay. The article further says that in Fortune Bay the situation is but little more favorable.

This is what they call equal to free admission to our markets; this is what they and some reciprocity-mad people at home would have us believe is a fair and just equivalent for a privilege which would ruin the fishing industry of New England. Do you believe it, reader? Do you believe the scales are balanced? Here for two years the bait supply has been a failure at their greatest points, and still they would have us believe and have made some believe that they control the bait supply. As a matter of fact they do not. As a matter of fact, their bait holdings are one big bluff.

One thing shines out above all this and that is the fact that the fleet of American bankers have had little or no difficulty in getting bait-

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ings and this without violating the provisions of the treaty which gave us certain and valuable rights on the now so-called treaty coast.

Just, in closing, listen to this little paragraph, from no less an authority than the St. John's N. F. Herald, which says that "40,000 squid, preserved since last season have occasioned a good sport of fishing at Petty Harbor of late," and winds up with the sentence, "This seems to be an object lesson on the value of cold storage as applied to the staple industry."

Now does not this last show to any fair-minded man the state of the bait situation at Newfoundland this season? Just imagine, if you can, a Newfoundland fisherman using frozen bait if any fresh bait were obtainable. Then again, take the last sentence and see if you think that the statement about the object lesson, etc., coming as it does from one of Newfoundland's greatest newspapers, shows any great faith in her fresh bait fishery. Does it look as if they themselves had the faith in it which they pretend or that they think it is worth what they pretend it is, an equivalent exchange for the free entry of their salt fish into our markets?

The above is a plain statement of facts throughout, and is respectfully referred to those who have had an idea that it is Gloucester which has been crowding "poor" Newfoundland.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, via Boston, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Agnes E. Downes, Middle Bank, 62 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.
Sch. Fanny Prescott, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Smuggler, seining.
Sch. Albert W. Black, shore.
Sch. Eglantine, returned.
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, seining.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, via Boston.
Sch. Arthur Binney, seining.
Sch. Eddie Minot, shore.
Sch. Rapidan, shore.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Evangeline, shore.
Sch. Mary Elizabeth, shore.
Sch. Mina Swim, Cape Shore, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt hake, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Georges, Channel and Cashes large fresh codfish, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.75; all other large fresh codfish \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; Georges, Channel and Cashes fresh haddock, \$1.00; all other fresh haddock, 90 cts.; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh halibut, 6 cts per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$21 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$15.25 per bbl.

Large fresh mackerel, 19 cts. each.

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Sch. Tereza and Alice, 30,000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Alena M. Young, 500 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Lafayette, 30 swordfish.

Sch. V. King, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2.25; hake, \$2; pollock, \$1; swordfish, 11 cts.

Mackerel Notes.

Heath Bros. trap at Kettle Island took 2500 tinker mackerel Tuesday afternoon.

Many of the seiners which have been off Race Point and on Middle Bank for some time have gone to Georges and the Rips to have a look for mackerel there.

The fare of sch. Marguerite sold to Parmenter & Co. at \$15.25 per bbl.

Poor Cod Catch at Lunenburg.

A Lunenburg report says: Fish are likely to sell for an unprecedented price this winter. The amount landed has not been proportionately large and the catches this summer have been in many cases very poor, making the aggregate catch below the average. No bait is to be had at Newfoundland or on the Grand Banks and it is expected that within a few days the fleet will sail for Canso. The situation there is no better despite some exaggerated reports of bait striking in the vicinity, and failing to get bait there the fleet will reach Lunenburg in a few weeks with their present fares, which as has been frequently stated, are not large in the aggregate. This being the case, the prospects are that the price will advance and local authorities quote \$6 as the probable price of fish during the coming winter.

Gasoliner Getting Ready.

Capt. Joshua W. Stanley of this city has commenced to fit out the new gasoline auxiliary schooner Elizabeth Silsbee of Boston at this port. The new craft, after her trial trip, will go haddocking and her movements will be watched with interest.

Pollock Fleet Starting Early.

The pollock fleet is starting early. Sch. James A. Garfield has fitted and sch. William H. Cross is fitting under command of Capt. Murray Iarkin. Several of the small boats have been at it for a few days and found some fish.

Squid on Georges.

The captain of one of the recent handling arrivals from Georges reports some squid on the bank just before he left for home.

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That the life saving
FISHERMEN service of the United
LIFE SAVERS. States is a grand institution there is not the

least question, but how many of us fully realize the important part the Gloucester fishermen play in the matter of life saving?

The cases are innumerable where our hardy mariners have faced death without a moment's hesitation and gone to the rescue of some unfortunate fellow men who are about to be taken to a watery grave in a leaking coaster or disabled craft. There is no monetary compensation to prompt the heroic action, but it is due entirely out of a noble, brave and courageous heart. These fishermen are always